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In the Claims

1. (currently amended) An apparatus for use with a portable leaf blower for applying particulate matter to an area, in combination comprising:

a) a portable leaf blower with an exhaust tube and an elongated blower tube to permit pressurized air to exit from said leaf blower, said leaf blower tube having first and second opposing ends, said first end being oriented toward said leaf blower;

b) a blower attachment for connecting the exhaust tube to said blower tube;

c) a container being disposed on and threaded into a conduit extending out of a side of said blower attachment, said container for receiving therein particulate matter, said container having a removably fixed cap thereon to permit particulate matter to be placed in the container, said container being positioned for gravity feed of the particulate matter in said container to said blower tube; and,

d) a ~~butterfly~~ control valve in said conduit with a shaft extending out both ends of said conduit for rotating said butterfly valve for metering the amount of particulate matter fed into said blower tube from said container to permit particulate matter to be spread by the leaf blower.

2. (original) The apparatus of Claim 1, wherein said leaf blower is sized to be held in the hands of a user.

3. (original) The apparatus of Claim 2, wherein said leaf blower is contained in a backpack to be worn by a user.

4. (original) The apparatus of Claim 3, wherein said blower attachment is a cylindrical tube being complementarily sized as said blower tube.

5-8. (canceled)

9. (currently amended) An apparatus for use with a portable leaf blower for applying particulate matter to an area, in combination, consisting of:

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a) a portable leaf blower, said leaf blower having an exhaust tube and an elongated blower tube to permit pressurized air to exit from said leaf blower, said leaf blower tube having first and second opposing ends, said first end being oriented toward said leaf blower;

b) a blower attachment for connecting the exhaust tube to said blower tube;

c) a container having a top and a bottom end, said container for receiving therein particulate matter, said container having a removably fixed cap thereon to permit particulate matter to be placed in the container,

d) a strap being disposed on said container to be worn by a user;

e) a flexible conduit having first and second opposing ends, said first end being connected to said container and said second end being connected to said blower attachment to permit particulate matter to flow from the container by gravity to the blower attachment; and,

f) a butterfly control valve having a rotatable flat member in said second end of said flexible conduit for metering the amount of particulate matter fed into said blower tube from said flexible conduit to permit particulate matter to be spread by the leaf blower.

10. (original) The apparatus of Claim 9, wherein said leaf blower is sized to be held in the hands of a user.

11. (original) The apparatus of Claim 10, wherein said leaf blower is contained in a backpack to be worn by a user.

12. (original) The apparatus of Claim 11, wherein said blower attachment is a cylindrical tube being complementarily sized as said blower tube.

13-14. (canceled)

15. (currently amended) The apparatus of Claim 12, wherein said butterfly control valve includes at least one external lever being disposed on said butterfly control valve

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to permit a user to adjust the flow of particulate matter from said container into said blower attachment regulator.

16. (canceled)